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MONTANA LABOR MARKET

Monthly Review of
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK, LABOR SUPPLY, LABOR DEMAND, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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State Employment Figure Shows December Decline

Employment levels in Montana industries declined less than one percent from mid-November to mid-December and were nearly two percent below those of December, 1953, estimates by the commission in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate. Total of non-farm employment is set at 153,000, as compared with 154,300 in November and 155,800 in December, 1953. This was the first December since 1949 to show an employment decline from that of the preceding year.

Mostly in Mines and Railroads

Two major industries account for the deficit from a year ago. Metal mining is down 1,500 and interstate railroads reflect a decline of 1,400 in employment from a year ago. These changes are attributable to the recent work stoppage in metals, from which full recovery has not yet been made, and to technological changes leading to long-range reduction in train crews, shop and roundhouse men, and maintenance requirements on the rail systems.

Retail Trades in Sympathy

Employment in retail trade shows a loss of 600 from year-ago figures, concentrated in the general merchandise and apparel classification with its 800 decline, partly offset by gains of 100 each in food stores and restaurants. The general merchant employment is affected by decline in employment in the producing and transporting industries.

Manufacturing Fairly Stable

Manufacturing employment is estimated at 17,900, a mere 100 below that of a year ago. Within that class primary metals processing and petroleum products each show a gain of 100 over the year period, while food processing is down 100 and furniture, stone and clay products 200. These changes are too slight to be indicative of trend.

Gains in Four Industries

On the credit side of the estimates an increase of 300 is shown in construction, 200 in finance, insurance and real estate, 200 in industrial service establishments, and 700 in government. The construction item reflects a widespread continuation of building operations during prevalence of open weather and is a reduction in seasonal layoffs rather than an increase in employment totals. The finance class is a steadily growing employment factor, with a record of slow advance over many years past. Service industries likewise are continuing a long-time upward trend.

December 1,300 Below November

The decline of 1,300 in December from November is largely a seasonal measurement, affected by construction with a 1,400 shrinkage, lumber and timber products

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UPWARD TREND OF STATE LABOR SUPPLY SLACKENS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Montana's supply of job-seeking labor increased by 3,000 during December, from 5,600 to 8,600, as the state's seasonal industries declined in employment. Winter layoffs and reductions in force which began in October increased in depth during December and should reach their ultimate seasonal level during January. Construction, logging and lumbering, railroad maintenance, Christmas tree harvest, and sugar refineries all contributed to the growing surplus of labor in the labor markets of the state, served by 21 operating offices of the employment service.

December Margin Only Nine Percent Above Year Ago

The margin of labor supply over labor demand during 1954 was consistently greater than in 1953, but the difference was substantially less in December and November than in any of the ten months preceding. On a percentage basis the margin was 16 points above the 1953 supply in January, a margin which spread to 48 percent in April, eased to 43 in May, 28 in June, and 32 in July, then zoomed to 70, 65, and 50 during the three following months, aggravated by prevalence of a work stoppage in the metal mining and processing industries. November pulled the margin down to 11 points and December ended the year with only nine points above December of last year.

WORK-APPLICANT COUNT IN REVIEW

	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
January	12,270	10,616	10,370	11,685	18,048	11,768
February	12,455	10,995	10,136	12,336	18,556	13,097
March	11,075	9,323	9,392	10,844	16,085	12,484
April	8,945	6,043	5,705	7,048	11,435	8,268
May	6,191	4,324	3,276	4,312	6,755	4,912
June	5,403	3,910	2,957	4,240	5,809	4,331
July	4,283	3,249	2,191	3,260	3,920	3,864
August	3,519	2,069	1,619	2,370	2,898	3,320
September	3,782	2,288	1,388	2,304	2,578	3,523
October	4,038	2,688	1,955	2,572	3,179	4,519
November	5,617	5,048	4,135	4,341	5,349	6,551
December	8,613	7,932	7,517	6,694	8,329	10,732

Surplus Ranges Above 1952 Figures

An even greater disparity is apparent in comparison with two years ago. April of 1954 showed a 57 percent margin of job-seekers over April of 1952. During the three following months the margin ranged about 90 percent higher than its corresponding month in 1952, then more than double during the metal work stoppage. The year ended on a calmer level with a modest 36 point difference in November, and 15 points up in December.

Releases About Normal in December

Nearly all outdoor employment diminishes on a traditional, seasonal, pattern in December, funneling new supplies of unemployment labor into a market which has but few outlets to offer. This shrinkage continues into January and levels off in February. In number of work-applicants thus dumped into the labor market the figures for December are closely parallel to those of preceding Decembers.

Heaviest at Butte, Kalispell

Butte and Kalispell led in December job-seeker increase over November, with 550 at each. Billings gained 360, Missoula 250, Helena 195. Other office areas showed gains of from 118 at Glendive, 116 at Shelby, and 111 at Polson down to 36 at Livingston and 18 at Dillon.

Missoula Below Year Ago

Compared with year ago figures there were fewer jobseekers in December at Missoula by 326, Great Falls 82, Kalispell 71, Polson 11, Cut Bank 8 and Livingston 5. At all other offices December had more work-applicants than December of 1953, with the heaviest increases at Butte, Billings, Wolf Point, Havre, and Helena.

Sales Forces Being Reduced

Employment in circles of trade and service and in postal work is in process of deflation following a substantial holiday upsurge. Releases from these sources will reflect into January count of jobseekers.

Big Building Projects Continue

Prospects are that construction layoffs will be less complete this year than normal. The aluminum plant in the Flathead country is maintaining large winter crews, about 1,100 at latest reports, though its excavation contract has been completed and about 400 are out of work from that source. Tiber dam construction in Liberty county closed down in December for about three months, due to excessive cost of operating in winter temperatures. At Billings, Bozeman, Helena, and other points where building projects have reached an enclosed stage substantial crews are being maintained on finishing work.

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Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary Jan. 1

ANACONDA, Deer Lodge, Philipsburg—(160 jobseekers; 85 men, 75 women; 26 men and 16 women over 45) Hiring in this community's single big industry, the smelter, was slow in December; crews have not yet been built up to full schedule as maintained before the August-October work stoppage. Building construction is practically at a standstill, largely seasonal, and farm demand is likewise at low ebb. Employment in trade and service was up through the holiday season, dwindling rapidly at the beginning of 1955.

BILLINGS, Columbus, Hardin, Hysham, Laurel, Red Lodge, Roundup—(1,074 jobseekers; 841 men, 233 women; 267 men and 72 women over 45) Only active labor demand in December was for postal extras; trade and service had fully staffed in November for the holiday season and held steady until the close of the year. Construction was relatively high in employment but new hires were few. Normal winter curtailment in that line is due. The sugar plant at Billings finished its season run, releasing about 550 workers, the plant at Hardin had already ended its fall processing of sugar beets.

BOZEMAN, Ennis, Three Forks, Trident—(285 jobseekers; 179 men, 106 women; 14 men over 45) Construction contractors continued at nearly full pace through December, with little turnover or new hiring. A new road project is starting, to use 35 men through the winter. Two dormitory projects are enclosed and will maintain finishing crews, about 15 released. No other employment developments in sight. Trade and service industries reducing their payrolls after the holiday season.

BUTTE, Virginia City, Whitehall—(1,085 jobseekers; 728 men, 357 women; 281 men and 101 women over 45) Hiring at the mines is fairly active with opening for 100 additional qualified miners. Return of former miners from summer employment in outdoor work continues. Retail trade employment was up for the holiday season, declining to normal winter level at the end of the month. Construction activity limited to inside work, new store building finished and a building material plant in process of reactivation. Farm demand is negligible.

CUT BANK—(140 jobseekers; 119 men, 21 women; 35 men and 4 women over 45) Labor supply consists largely of oil field workers, truck drivers, rough carpenters and service workers. Construction activity was in a lull during the holidays but is resuming and will continue through the winter as weather permits. A test well is starting near the base of the Rockies, employing about ten men. Oil production has not previously been established in that area.

DILLON—(83 jobseekers; 53 men, 30 women; 17 men and 5 women over 45)

About 20 men employed on the city sewer and garbage disposal plant, eight on a new road project toward Jackson, ten more will be added shortly. Six new homes are scheduled to be begun in January. Oil drilling proceeds at two points in the county. Farm demand is slight, open weather defers feeding activities.

GLASGOW, Fort Peck, Malta, Opheim—(318 jobseekers; 264 men, 54 women; 76 men and 18 women over 45) More hiring in December than a year ago, for continuation of housing projects, a theatre and filling station, and for seismograph crews working in the area. City water tank nearly completed. Farm demand slight, but normal. Layoffs beginning with the new year, on seasonal pattern.

GLENDIVE, Circle, Wibaux—(123 jobseekers; 89 men, 34 women; 21 men and 3 women over 45) Construction shutting down for the winter, skilled crews are laid off duty; no new jobs starting. Oil pipe project and terminals completed. Heavy retail trade hiring for the holidays, correspondingly heavy layoffs now occurring. Farm labor demand slight, feeding postponed by good weather.

GREAT FALLS, Choteau, Fort Benton, Stanford—(957 jobseekers; 734 men, 223 women; 262 men and 50 women over 45) No labor shortages in December, though hiring for retail trade and for increased postal traffic was in generous measure. About 70 extras for the post office and nearly as many temporary sales workers are now being released. No mass layoffs in construction as yet. Prospect for spring program includes home building, airbase housing and facility construction, and several large commercial and industrial structures planned. Extensive street repair contracts will help absorb present surplus, but not until spring.

HAMILTON, Stevensville—(246 jobseekers; 175 men, 71 women; 60 men and 32 women over 45) Sharp increase in the applicant file here followed closing of three sawmills for the winter period and reduc-

tion of force on construction projects. About 15 Hamilton workers returned from their seasonal timber work at Superior. Demand for extra help in stores, shops and postal work about 50 percent below that of a year ago. Crew of ten engaged on bridge and road jobs for about 60 days. Sorting of potatoes for market to start in January, will provide employment for limited number.

HAVRE, Chinook, Harlem—(216 jobseekers; 186 men, 30 women; 8 men and 5 women over 45) Less transient labor in the area than normal. Railroad and government hiring is not up to recent years. Employment outlook extremely poor for 90 days, a seasonal rather than economic condition. All branches of industry are contributing to the increasing labor supply.

HELENA, Boulder, Garrison, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs—(492 jobseekers; 423 men, 69 women; 135 men and 20 women over 45) Work continues with reduced crews on two larger construction enterprises, state laboratory and high school. Heavy layoffs indicate most other construction has ceased for the winter. Hiring was active in clerical, trade, and service lines and for the post office, in December but force reductions occurred at the end of the holiday season. Turnover light at the smelters, no appreciable hiring. Brick plant is down to winter crew.

KALISPELL, Columbia Falls, Eureka, Libby, Whitefish—(1,002 jobseekers; 835 men, 167 women; 307 men and 51 women over 45) December labor supply swelled by layoffs in construction, logging and lumbering, Christmas tree harvest, and late in the month from holiday employment in trade and service. Excavation contract at aluminum plant in Columbia Falls finished in December, releasing 500 workers, about 100 of whom were absorbed in other phases of the multimillion dollar project. Work continuing there, partly under cover, so long as weather conditions permit.

LEWISTOWN, Harlowton, Ryegate, Winnett—(215 jobseekers; 149 men, 66 women; 40 men and 24 women over 45) Construction layoffs began in December and no new projects are starting. Road job toward new Missouri bridge now using about 40 workers and the contractor hopes no winter layoff will become necessary. A chain store branch closed Christmas, releasing 15, other trade establishments are reducing force. Labor supply more than ample.

LIVINGSTON, Big Timber—(261 jobseekers; 180 men, 81 women; 61 men and 17 women over 45) Construction slowed down in December, in anticipation of severe weather. One road job continues, city is drilling three new water wells, and several homes are proceeding with full construction crews. Railroad prospect dark, though no additional layoffs have occurred in shops or roundhouse. Extra gang and bridge and building crews are scaled down to a minimum. Trade hiring was brisk in December, released extra workers after Christmas.

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State Employment Figure Shows December Decline

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500, food processing, principally sugar refineries handling the beet crop, 500, transportation and utilities 300 down, and hotels, rooming houses and camps a loss of 200 in employment. Partially offsetting these are November to December increases: 1,000 in retail trade employment, 900 in government, largely for handling holiday mail volume, and 100 in finance, insurance and real estate, also affected by holiday volume.

Demand for More Miners

Mining shows a dip of 100 in its employment from November. This is due to scarcity of qualified applicants rather than to economic lethargy.

EIGHT YEARS OF MONTANA INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT TOTALS, BY MONTHS (in Thousands)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Aver
1947	127.8	127.6	128.6	130.6	134.8	138.0	142.0	142.0	141.0	141.6	141.2	141.7	136.4
1948	134.4	132.0	133.2	137.1	140.6	145.8	148.9	150.3	151.4	149.6	149.4	147.7	143.4
1949	137.1	135.5	137.7	141.0	147.3	151.0	150.0	150.1	149.8	148.2	146.1	143.3	145.0
1950	133.2	132.2	135.2	142.1	147.3	153.6	154.9	157.1	156.8	152.2	150.7	148.8	147.0
1951	141.9	139.4	140.3	145.9	149.4	154.1	153.5	154.6	154.3	152.4	151.7	150.6	149.0
1952	140.5	140.7	143.0	149.7	154.8	159.9	159.5	161.2	160.4	157.9	156.0	154.9	153.2
1953	145.8	144.5	146.2	149.8	153.7	158.2	160.1	160.4	161.5	159.8	156.7	155.8	154.4
1954	146.9	145.7	146.9	149.6	153.3	158.6	158.2	158.6	152.0	150.9	154.3	153.0	152.3

Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary Jan. 1

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MILES CITY, Baker, Broadus, Ekalaka, Forsyth, Colstrip, Terry—(282 jobseekers; 230 men, 52 women; 65 men and 19 women over 45) Normal seasonal decline in employment featured labor market developments in December, but demand was stronger than in December a year ago. At the close of the month agriculture, construction, railroad, and retail trade employment was on a reduced scale.

MISSOULA, Drummond, Arlee, Superior, Thompson Falls—(805 jobseekers; 595 men, 210 women; 196 men and 53 women over 45) Seasonal trend of employment was manifest through December, despite open weather. Construction has slowed up. Logging and lumber continue with near-full crews, but no new hiring. At Superior the night crew was laid off and loggers were brought out of the woods. Claims volume is below that of a year ago.

POLSON, Hot Springs—(286 jobseekers; 248 men, 38 women; 75 men and 11 women over 45) A seasonal pattern prevails in employment circles. Last of crews on third unit of power plant finished their jobs and are off duty. Two buildings under way at the plywood plant, will be completed during the winter. The plant is expected to open in April. A new road contract may start operations in January.

SHELBY, Chesler, Conrad, Tiber Dam—(244 jobseekers; 213 men, 31 women; 10 men and 1 woman over 45) Labor market activities in this field are increased over a year ago. Construction work continues in Shelby with but slight decline in number employed. In Pondera county construction outfits have closed for the winter. Tiber Dam contractors halted on December 11, expect to re-open March 15.

UPWARD TREND OF STATE LABOR

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Metal Mining Has Labor Demand

Metal mining, and to a lesser extent metal processing, is not yet fully recovered in employment volume from the work stoppage of early fall. Demand for experienced and qualified underground workers marks that industry as one of the few entering upon an expanding employment basis at the beginning of the new year. Smelter employment is more nearly up to its normal level, with scattered hiring reported in December.

Highway Employment Same as Year Ago

State highway employment in December totalled 1,000, the same as a year ago and about 200 below the November figure. Of these, 300 were on contractor payrolls, engaged in contracts covering 110 miles of highway and a million dollars in bridge jobs. Maintenance and repair by the state commission employed 700.

Backlog of Work for Spring

Work was suspended during December on a number of road and bridge projects on which work had begun. Other contracts were awarded which likewise were not yet underway. Total of this backlog, much of which will remain dormant until spring, includes 184 miles of road improvement, and bridge contracts in the sum of \$1,400,000.

SIDNEY—(148 jobseekers; 128 men, 20 women; 41 men and 4 women over 45) Seasonal decline of employment here about normal. Sugar plant is nearing finish of its season run. Church building crew still at work. Active file contains many skilled and semi-skilled from building trades, with no prospect of extensive work until spring. Trade hiring for holidays about normal.

WOLF POINT, Plentywood, Scooby—(191 jobseekers; 163 men, 28 women; 21 men and 6 women over 45) Some construction projects enclosed, will employ limited crews through winter. Oil field workers in jobseeker list more numerous than a year ago, building craftsmen fewer. Ranches are not calling for labor, stock feeding deferred by favorable weather.

ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN MONTANA (1)

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			Net Change	
	Dec. 1954 (2)	Nov. 1954 (3)	Dec. 1953	Nov. '54 to Dec. '54	Dec. '53 to Dec. '54
NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES	153,000	154,300	155,800	—1,300	—2,800
Manufacturing	17,900	19,000	18,000	—1,100	— 100
Durable goods.....	10,100	10,700	10,200	— 600	— 100
Lumber and timber products.....	5,400	5,900	5,400	— 500	0
Primary metals.....	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	100
Other (4).....	1,000	1,100	1,200	— 100	— 200
Nondurable goods.....	7,800	8,300	7,800	— 500	0
Food and kindred products.....	4,000	4,500	4,100	— 500	— 100
Printing and publishing.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other (5).....	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
Mining	10,600	10,700	12,300	— 100	—1,700
Metal mining.....	7,200	7,300	8,700	— 100	—1,500
Coal, quarrying and nonmetallic.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Petroleum-natural gas production.....	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	— 200
Contract construction	8,400	9,800	8,100	—1,400	300
Contractors, building construction.....	3,000	3,600	3,100	— 600	— 100
Contractors, other than building.....	2,100	2,700	2,200	— 600	— 100
Contractors, special trade.....	3,300	3,500	2,800	— 200	500
Transportation and utilities	20,800	21,100	22,600	— 300	—1,800
Interstate railroads.....	12,000	12,400	13,400	— 400	—1,400
Transportation except railroads.....	3,500	3,400	3,700	100	— 200
Utilities including communication.....	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	— 200
Trade	40,200	39,400	40,800	800	— 600
Wholesale trade.....	8,700	8,900	8,700	— 200	0
Retail trade.....	31,500	30,500	32,100	1,000	— 600
General merchandise and apparel.....	6,300	5,400	7,100	900	— 800
Food stores.....	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	100
Eating and drinking establishments.....	7,600	7,700	7,500	— 100	100
Automotive and filling stations.....	5,800	5,900	5,800	— 100	0
Retail trade not elsewhere classified.....	7,300	7,000	7,300	300	0
Finance, insurance and real estate	5,200	5,100	5,000	100	200
Services and miscellaneous	19,400	19,500	19,200	— 100	200
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.....	3,200	3,400	3,100	— 200	100
Personal services.....	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Other (6).....	14,000	13,900	13,900	100	100
Government	30,500	29,700	29,800	800	700
Great Falls Area (Cascade County)	14,800	14,600	14,800	200	0
Selected Industries					
Manufacturing.....	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Transportation and utilities.....	2,400	2,500	2,600	— 100	— 200
Trade.....	6,300	6,100	6,200	200	100
Services and miscellaneous (7).....	3,400	3,300	3,300	100	100

- (1) Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Proprietors, firm members, personnel of the armed forces, domestic servants, and self-employed persons are excluded.
- (2) Preliminary estimates based on return from sample of 730 selected Montana establishments.
- (3) Figures previously released have been revised on returns from 921 such establishments.
- (4) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.
- (5) Includes apparel, chemicals, petroleum, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.
- (6) Includes commercial trade schools, auto repair services and garages, miscellaneous repair services and hand trades, motion pictures, amusements and recreation, medical and health, law offices and professional services, nonprofit membership organizations and business not otherwise classified.
- (7) Same as (6) above, also includes finance, insurance, real estate and mining.

COMPARISON OF BASIC LABOR MARKET TRANSACTIONS IN DECEMBER, 1954, AND DECEMBER, 1953

Employment Service Office	New Job Applicants				Jobseekers in File				Job Placements								U. I. Claims Week 1-7	
	Dec. 1954		Dec. 1953		Dec. 1954		Dec. 1953		December 1954				December 1953				1955	1954
	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.		
Anaconda.....	75	29	65	28	160	41	128	39	100	15	115	39	73	5	78	37	164	150
Billings.....	538	203	637	220	1,074	397	910	337	372	42	414	252	222	49	271	110	1,215	921
Bozeman.....	128	51	141	73	285	72	235	95	189	27	216	79	202	26	228	76	213	283
Butte.....	376	102	371	39	1,085	254	688	73	289	—	289	109	182	—	182	40	637	683
Cut Bank.....	66	36	88	50	140	60	148	63	22	—	22	13	11	5	16	8	140	113
Dillon.....	65	23	98	48	83	24	61	24	43	37	80	32	57	29	86	20	70	69
Glasgow.....	96	39	192	47	318	114	287	97	93	23	116	40	55	21	76	20	249	164
Glendive.....	137	50	136	26	123	29	71	33	121	27	148	55	107	23	130	38	183	95
Great Falls.....	443	105	559	171	957	374	1,039	391	165	61	226	104	193	52	245	99	779	955
Hamilton.....	83	30	56	19	246	73	215	71	15	4	19	4	34	3	37	10	218	243
Havre.....	105	44	146	52	216	98	156	75	75	14	89	33	103	12	115	48	227	141
Helena.....	266	109	182	103	492	220	436	181	114	28	142	80	124	24	148	75	360	404
Kalispell.....	336	102	446	156	1,002	359	1,073	415	53	9	62	35	79	2	81	57	821	1,409
Lewistown.....	123	46	112	34	215	68	189	73	32	13	45	22	16	12	28	8	189	197
Livingston.....	128	57	111	31	261	83	266	74	41	14	55	21	56	16	72	27	344	318
Miles City.....	98	41	182	79	282	122	269	113	78	24	102	36	30	25	55	23	285	289
Missoula.....	261	79	314	100	805	287	1,132	421	147	8	155	78	238	7	245	79	699	879
Polson.....	97	37	108	34	286	98	297	97	9	1	10	4	9	1	10	5	323	453
Shelby.....	119	50	84	19	244	85	95	34	44	10	54	30	35	4	39	15	159	124
Sidney.....	102	29	97	18	148	49	119	26	52	9	61	23	49	16	65	14	168	103
Wolf Point.....	148	51	106	37	191	89	118	54	28	12	40	9	26	14	40	12	215	132
TOTALS.....	3,790	1,313	4,231	1,384	8,613	2,996	7,932	2,786	2,082	378	2,460	1,098	1,901	346	2,247	821	7,658	8,125

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)
(Hours and earnings data exclude administrative and salaried personnel)

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. (1) 1954	Nov. (2) 1954	Dec. 1953	Dec. (1) 1954	Nov. (2) 1954	Dec. 1953	Dec. (1) 1954	Nov. (2) 1954	Dec. 1953
All Manufacturing.....	\$80.16	\$80.20	\$81.54	40.0	40.0	41.5	2.00	2.01	1.96
Durable goods.....	78.70	78.17	83.08	39.3	39.0	41.5	2.00	2.01	2.00
Primary metals.....	74.85	75.00	91.34	38.8	38.8	45.4	1.93	1.94	2.01
Nondurable goods.....	82.37	83.12	79.34	41.1	41.5	41.5	2.01	2.00	1.91
Food and kindred products.....	76.42	74.78	69.82	44.4	43.7	44.0	1.72	1.71	1.59
All Mining.....	89.63	84.51	95.97	41.0	39.1	43.2	2.19	2.16	2.22
Metal mining.....	89.51	79.58	96.54	41.2	37.9	43.8	2.17	2.10	2.20
Transportation and Utilities (except railrds.).....	80.54	78.53	77.67						
Transportation (except railrds.).....	92.16	93.04	90.66						
Utilities and communication.....	75.14	71.79	71.68	40.6	39.4	41.2	1.85	1.82	1.74

(1) Preliminary estimates. (2) Figures previously released have been revised on more complete returns.

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